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1 — Tiny Nordheim Proclaims Small Victory in Waste Vote, Texas Tribune, 9/15/2015

<https://www.texastribune.org/2015/09/15/tiny-nordheim-proclaims-small-victory-waste-vote/>

With the eyes of Nordheim cast upon them, state regulators have granted new life — if just a breath — to the tiny South Texas town's effort to thwart an oil and gas waste site that locals argue threatens their way of life.

2 — EPA sought bids for treatment plant at Colorado mine spill in August, Denver Post, 9/15/2015

http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_28817990/epa-releases-new-videos-taken-after-colorado-mine

The Environmental Protection Agency began soliciting bids for a temporary water treatment plant roughly two weeks after the Gold King Mine blew out in early August, documents released Tuesday show.

3 – Draining old mines foul Denver's watershed every day with contaminants, Denver Post, 9/16/2015

http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_28820352/draining-old-mines-foul-denvers-watershed-every-day

Ninety miles west of Denver, 347 gallons a minute of acidic heavy metals leak into a tributary of the South Platte River every day from the defunct London Mine. Not even the bugs that fish eat have survived in South Mosquito Creek west of Alma, let alone the trout local leaders hope to restore for the South Park recreational economy.

4 — Animus over Animas, Politico, 9/16/15

<http://www.politico.com/tipsheets/morning-energy/2015/09/morning-energy-animus-over-animas-moniz-takes-the-stage-210228>

Members of Congress from both parties are demanding accountability EPA for the accident last month that spilled waste from an old gold mine into Colorado's Animas River, and EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy will have to explain her agency's behavior in multiple hearings starting today.

5 — MAJOR CLEANUP: EPA working ‘time critical emergency’ pollution site, Odessa American, 9/15/2015

http://www.oaoa.com/inthepipeline/article_83e15ae6-5c25-11e5-afea-cb6cbe9637b8.html

An Environmental Protection Agency team is cleaning up thousands of leaky oil drums left for years in industrial east Odessa that investigators say threatened groundwater, risked dangerous runoff to a nearby neighborhood and created a fire hazard after a local businessman abandoned them when his company failed.

6 — Joint superfund project cleans Las Cruces groundwater, Las Cruces Sun-News, 9/15/2015

http://www.lcsun-news.com/las_cruces-news/ci_28817016/joint-superfund-project-cleans-las-cruces-groundwater

Even as President Obama further amplifies his rhetoric about addressing climate change, a coalition of environmental organizations released a letter Monday seeking to push his administration much further still.

7 — Pilot program could bring some defunct city wells back online, Albuquerque Journal, 9/15/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/644316/news/pilot-program-could-bring-some-defunct-city-wells-back-online.html>

Promising results have prompted the local water utility to proceed with a pilot program aimed at bringing some of the city's defunct drinking water wells back online. A Northeast Heights well shut down 10 years ago because it was pumping water with excessive arsenic levels has been producing good water from a shallower depth in testing that started in July.

8 – New rules for methane aim to thwart wasting valuable natural gas, official says, San Antonio Express-News, 9/14/2015

<http://blog.mysanantonio.com/atlarge/2015/09/new-rules-for-methane-aim-to-thwart-wasting-valuable-natural-gas-official-says/>

A top Obama administration official on Tuesday blasted energy companies for burning or venting natural gas at oil wells, as the government readies new rules to clamp down on the practice.

9 — Congressman decries regulatory hurdles faced by energy industry, Midland Reporter-Telegram, 9/15/2015

http://www.mrt.com/news/top_stories/article_d973b81c-5bf5-11e5-88f6-ff03b8bb965b.html

Permian Basin oil and gas operators working through the economic challenges presented by \$45 crude oil prices are well aware of the other challenge they face.

10 — Republicans oppose new safety rules on offshore drilling, Houston Chronicle, 9/15/2015

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2015/09/15/republicans-oppose-new-safety-rules-on-offshore-drilling/#33996101=0>

Republican lawmakers are criticizing an Obama administration move to toughen standards for offshore drilling, saying the new rules would be costly to implement for drillers and threaten to shut down oil and gas exploration off the nation's coasts.

11 — Feds, oil and gas industry at odds over well safety costs, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 9/15/2015

http://www.nola.com/business/index.ssf/2015/09/gulf_well_control_rules_cost.html#incart_river

It is going to cost oil and gas companies a pretty penny to comply with new federal rules aimed at preventing the type of well blowout and explosion that led to the 2010 BP oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. Getting regulators and industry to agree on a projected price tag, however, is not so easy.

12 — Manufacturing Industry Concerned New Ozone Standards Will Harm Business, KUNM, 9/15/2015

<http://kunm.org/post/manufacturing-industry-concerned-new-ozone-standards-will-harm-business#stream/0>

The Environmental Protection Agency is finalizing stricter limits on ground-level ozone, which the agency says is harmful to human health. That has some manufacturers in New Mexico concerned that the new rule will increase the cost of doing business.

13 — Weinstein: Environment rules should be based on science, not politics (opinion), Houston Chronicle, 9/15/2015

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/opinion/outlook/article/Weinstein-Environment-rules-should-be-based-on-6506700.php>

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is pushing three disruptive and expensive regulatory initiatives to lower ozone emissions from vehicles, carbon emissions from power plants and methane releases from oil and gas production.

14 — With Possible Shutdown Nearing, Obama Looks to Take Budget Fight to G.O.P., The New York Times, 9/16/2015

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/16/us/with-possible-shutdown-nearing-obama-looks-to-take-budget-fight-to-gop.html?_r=0

Congress hurtled toward a government shutdown on Tuesday, with Republicans threatening to block a budget deal if it includes financing for Planned Parenthood, as President Obama prepared to join the fight by pushing Republicans to scrap a multibillion-dollar tax advantage for private equity managers.

15 — Federal court injunction halts EPA's water rules for some states, not Texas, Wilson Co. (TX) News, 9/16/2015

<http://www.wilsoncountynews.com/article.php?id=68093&n=section-general-news-federal-court-injunction-halts-epas-water-rules-some-states-not-texas>

Folks in 13 states have a temporary reprieve from having puddles and seasonal streams regulated

by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Texas isn't one of those states, so rivers, wetlands, and more here still fall under new rules that took effect Aug. 28, termed an "EPA overreach" by many.